

TALES TOLD BY SAWMILL MEN

Commissioner Lane Investigating Lumber Car Shortage on Pacific Coast.

AGREE UPON MAIN FACTS

LOSS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 19.—Investigations into the lumber car shortage by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane today developed facts showing the Northern Pacific equipment to be entirely inadequate to handle the lumber products of western Washington. Sawmill owners told how small mill concerns are gradually being forced into bankruptcy, how the larger concerns have sustained losses which will reach into hundreds of thousands of dollars and how thousands of mechanics have been thrown out of employment by failure of the Northern Pacific railway to furnish cars enough to enable the 750 woodworking plants on their line to market their product.

Calmly Gave the Details.

The proceedings were extremely quiet, in that no marked manifestations of feeling were shown by either the lumbermen or the railroad representatives. Sawmill operators calmly detailed how, through no fault of their own, they have lost thousands of dollars during the past eighteen months, all because they have not been able to market their product. In the same breath they narrated their losses they complimented the strenuous efforts of local officials of the Northern Pacific to relieve the situation, and said that while the Tacoma railroad men had done all they could to aid the mills, the fault lay in mismanagement of the higher officers in the east.

Great Interest Shown.

General James M. Ashton, of Tacoma, represented the lumber interests, assisted by Austin E. Griffith, of Seattle. More than forty lumber manufacturers attended the hearing and all showed intense interest in the proceedings. On the side of the court room occupied by the Northern Pacific officials were James E. Kerr, assistant general counsel of the railroad with headquarters at St. Paul; E. J. Cannon, division counsel, of Spokane; J. D. Woodworth, traffic manager, of St. Paul; and Third Vice President G. M. Levey, Assistant General Superintendent B. E. Palmer, General Western Freight Agent Henry Blakeley, Superintendent W. C. Albee, of the Pacific division, and a large array of minor officials and clerks.

One Railroad Witness.

Mr. Cannon conducted the cross-examination of all the witnesses presented by the lumber interests. Superintendent Albee was the only witness called upon as a representative of the Northern Pacific. He was asked by Commissioner Lane to explain how the number of foreign cars used by the Northern Pacific were routed by the railroad instead of by the shipper. Attorney Cannon objected to Mr. Albee being called upon, stating that the railroad was not ready to present their case.

"You have no case," was Commissioner Lane's answer. "You are not defendants in this action, as this is simply an inquiry instituted by the commission upon its own initiative. I want Mr. Albee to be heard, because I desire to get at the facts in the case."

Hearing in Seattle.

At the request of General Ashton, on behalf of leading lumber men owning mills in the northwestern part of the state, the investigations were continued by the commissioner, the inquiry being resumed Tuesday at the county court rooms in Seattle. The testimony presented by the mill operators examined in the behalf of the lumber men was alike in essential facts of car shortage and in delayed delivery of shipments. Some of the mills have lost more than others, owing to other conditions, such as their ability to use cargo transportation, their lumber storage facilities, etc.

Details of the testimony in which Commissioner Lane indicated that he was most especially interested and concerning which he questioned witnesses closely, related to the policy alleged to be followed by James J. Hill, of allowing cars to accumulate on the sidetracks and then running long trains across the continent at a very slow rate of speed. The manufacturers stated that this policy shortchanged and unjust to the shippers, has caused the car shortage to be felt much more than it would otherwise have been. Mr. Lane was also greatly interested in the testimony relating to the enforced observance by the lumber manufacturers of certain routings for their shipments provided by the railroad. The millmen said that eighty per cent of the cars used by the Northern Pacific for the transportation of lumber traffic belong to other railroads.

Demurrage Charges.

All of these cars have to be returned east by the same route whence they came, and unless the millmen have shipments going in that direction they have found it necessary to adopt the policy of holding the cars and paying demurrage charges until they can secure an order for shipments going to points along the line of the railroad owning the car. In other words, cars were so scarce that it has been better to receive cars at random, destined to all parts of the country, and make the orders fit the cars, even although large demurrage charges were involved, than it would be to release the cars and await the delivery of a suitable car. Certain witnesses charged discrimination as to the long and short haul on the part of the Northern Pacific. All agreed that it now takes from sixty to one hundred days for the delivery of a car from Puget Sound to Minnesota transfer points, while before the Northern Pacific and other western lines passed into the control of Mr. Hill, shipments were delivered in an average time of three weeks.

The Northern Pacific railroad will offer the testimony of Third Vice President Levey, Traffic Manager Woodworth and Assistant General Superintendent Palmer and Superintendent Albee at the Seattle meeting Tuesday. The lumber men will present four or five additional witnesses.

EXPERT KODAK FINISHING.

Harry Shipley, Commercial Photographer, 151 Main street. Get my new price list.

\$400.00 Sealers for \$300.00.

Mehesy, the Furrier, Knutsford.

"4711" glycerine tar soap, worth 10c the cake, for 7c.
Eloma soap, worth 10c the cake 7c
Violet ammonia for the bath—worth 25c the bottle 15c

WALKER'S STORE

A page that will make every person in Salt Lake City sit up and take notice

Seven Sutherland Sisters' Hair Tonic.
\$1.00 size bottles 75c
50c size bottles 35c
50c size shampoo 35c

Seven hundred dozen pairs of stockings and half hose

That's 8400 pairs--the greatest purchase ever made by any house in Salt Lake City at one time

It constitutes a great deal more than an ordinary stock, and every pair is strictly good—every pair will bear the closest scrutiny of the most exacting shopper.

The sale begins Monday morning at 8 o'clock—lasts the entire week. Here's just the way you'll find them—Monday at Walker's.

400 dozen, 4800 pairs of fine imported stockings for women

The greatest assortment of women's stockings the ladies of this city were ever treated to.

There are all kinds, sizes and colors—plain effects, embroidered effects, boot effects, lace effects and all sorts of fancy effects in list threads, cottons, cashmeres, etc.

Any weight you want—any size you want.

Values will be recognized at once as being regular 50c to 65c goods. During this sale they go at

Your choice the pair, 29c

Choose early and make selections final as there will be no exchanges, approvals or credits allowed on these goods.

300 dozen, 3600 pairs of men's finest imported half hose

Absolutely the most sensational sale of men's hose ever inaugurated in this city—and all absolutely perfect goods—no "seconds" in the lot. Every pair a dandy. Kinds to suit the most fastidious dressers in Zion.

List threads, cottons and cashmeres comprise the kinds in all shades of plain effects, tremendous assortment of embroidered ideas and split soles—all perfect goods—to fit any foot and fit for any foot.

Splendid 35c to 75c qualities, divided into two lots to be sold during this sale at

19c and 29c the pair

Early choosers get best selections—exchanges or approvals not allowed on these goods.

From the ready-to-wear section

Splendid line of winter coats in newest models worth \$12.00 to \$75.00 each, to close at one-third off regular prices.

All furs—a splendid assortment to select from. You choose at just one-third off the marked prices.

About two dozen handsome brown cooney muffs, worth \$6.00 each, you choose at \$3.00.

Splendid waist special—while they last

All wool waists in black, blue, brown, white and red—made with full tucked front and trimmed with buttons—values at \$2.25 and \$2.75 each—choice this week, at \$1.48

Tremendous sale of winter flannels, flannelettes, etc., to make room for already arriving spring stocks

This week must see this stock reduced one-half at least.

To effect this tremendous clearance we make the following sensational reductions:

White Shaker flannels—a marvelous offer, at the yard 5c	Cinderella flannels—strong 12½c quality—this sale 8½c
Unbleached Canton flannel—a hummer, at the yard 4½c	Flannelettes—handsome patterns—12½c grade—the yard 8c
Light and dark outing flannels—unprecedented value, at the yard 4¾c	Flannelettes—splendid 15c quality—the yard 11c
Heavy, yard wide, Canton flannel—sensational offer, at the yard 11½c	Flannelettes—fine 18c value—the yard 12½c
Embroidered flannels—75c to 90c grades—choice, the yard 48c	French wool waistings—elegant 65c and 75c grades—the yard 39c
Embroidered flannels—splendid \$1.25 to \$1.50 qualities, the yard 87c	Entire stock of Scotch flannel shirts—the yard 29c
Embroidered flannels—great \$2.00 to \$2.50 values—the yard \$1.39	White wool flannels—splendid 35c quality 19c

White wool Chinchilla B. V. flannels.—The 60c quality for 39c.—The 75c quality for 48c.

Fancy goods priced to close

Black calf skin belts—dip front, worth 65c each—Monday and while they last, choice, 25c

All card cases, comprising seal, walrus, morocco, alligator, etc.—worth \$1.25 to \$9.00 each—to close at ½ off

Envelope bags—fine grade of morocco leather—worth 75c each—you choose this week at 58c

Gold bracelets in studded and plain effects—a swell line, worth \$2.25 to \$7.50 each—choice this week 1.3 off

Cube pins—a very handy toilet requisite—worth 10c the cube—this week 7c

Waterproof skirt facing in black only—worth 10c the yard—this week 5c
Center aisle, back.

Gigantic sale of house furnishings and dinnerware begins Monday

The greatest sale in these lines ever made in the West. Price-cutting to astound the most seasoned bargain seekers. Read how we are going to reduce our entire stock of kitchen utensils, house furnishings and dinnerware at least one-half during the next six days.

To illustrate the great reductions on dinnerware for the coming week, we have selected three patterns and arranged them in "pieced sets" to close at half regular prices

In these three decorations will be found a very pretty pink floral pattern lined in gold, a dainty plain white style, full gold lined, and a rich blue effect high-lighted in gold. These are only a few of the countless splendid offers we will make you this week.

\$2.50 18-piece set for—\$1.25

Includes six plates, six cups and six saucers—18 pieces in all.

\$3.50 25-piece set for—\$1.75

Comprises six plates, six cups, six saucers, six fruits and one platter—a very choice selection.

\$6.00 31-piece set for—\$3.00

This set comprises six oat meals, six cups and saucers, six individual butters, six plates and one platter.

\$8.50 44-piece set for—\$4.25

There are six breakfast plates, six soup plates, six fruits, six individual butters, six tea cups and saucers, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one covered dish, one baker, one creamer, one pickle dish and one sauce boat.

\$10.00 56-piece set for—\$5.00

Includes one dozen tea cups and saucers, twelve breakfast plates, twelve fruits, one scallop, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one covered sugar, one creamer, one bowl.

\$18.00 88-piece set for—\$9.00

This set includes twelve pie plates, twelve tea plates, twelve breakfast plates, twelve sauce dishes, twelve tea cups and saucers, one 10-inch platter, one baker, two covered dishes, one creamer, one sugar, one creamer, one sauce boat, one pickle dish and one bowl.

\$20.00 100-piece set for—\$10.00

A beautiful set containing twelve pie plates, twelve tea plates, twelve breakfast plates, twelve individual butters, twelve tea cups and saucers, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one baker, two covered dishes, one creamer, one sugar, one creamer, one sauce boat, one pickle dish and one bowl.

\$3.00 24-piece set for—\$1.50

Six plates, six cups, six saucers and six fruits included in this set.

\$4.50 30-piece set for—\$2.25

Includes six plates, six cups, six saucers, six fruits, one platter and six soup plates—a fine assortment.

\$7.00 34-piece set for—\$3.50

Included are six oat meals, six cups and saucers, six individual butters, six plates, one platter, one sugar, one creamer.

\$12.00 56-piece set for—\$6.00

Six breakfast plates, six tea plates, six pie plates, six individual butters, six fruits, six cups and saucers, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one baker, two covered dishes, one covered butter, one sugar, one creamer, one sauce boat.

\$15.00 70-piece set for—\$7.50

To wit: Twelve tea cups and saucers, twelve breakfast plates, twelve sauce dishes, twelve individual butters, one 12-inch platter, one baker, one covered dish, one covered butter dish, one sugar and one creamer.

\$19.00 97-piece set for—\$9.50

In this set are twelve pie plates, twelve tea plates, twelve cups and saucers, twelve breakfast plates, twelve fruits, twelve individual butters, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one baker, two covered dishes, one covered butter, one sauce boat, one pickle dish and one bowl.

\$25.00 112-piece set for—\$12.50

Comprises twelve pie plates, twelve tea plates, twelve breakfast plates, twelve fruits, twelve individual butters, twelve tea cups and saucers, one 10-inch platter, one 12-inch platter, one baker, two covered dishes, one sugar, one creamer, one covered butter, one sauce boat, one pickle dish, one bowl, twelve soup plates.

Japanese tooth picks—500 in each, special the box 1c

Mrs. Potts' sad irons—3 irons, one handle and one stand in each set—very special at the set \$1.10

Grey enamelled wash basins, No. 28—worth 25c each 19c

Grey enamelled covered buckets—1 quart capacity—worth 25c each 19c

Three arm towel racks, finely nickelled—special at 10c

Cup holders, finely nickelled, very special at each 10c

Brush holders, finely nickelled, extra special 10c

Toothbrush holders, finely nickelled—unusual special at 10c

Superior washing blueing—one pint bottles, each 8c

Black eagle liquid stove polish, worth 10c the can 5c

Black jack stove polish, worth 10c the can 5c

Entire stock of framed pictures—worth 79c and 89c each 58c

500 choice mat pictures to close at two for 19c

Table mats—6 in each set—worth 60c the set 35c

Mop handles, good 15c value—special 12c

I C tin buckets—10 quart capacity—fine 15c value, each 10c

Sad iron handles—regular 10c value—yours at each 7c